The expenditure incurred on modernisation in the last three years is as follows:

1992-93	Rs. 937.56 crores
1993-94	Rs. 523.35 crores
1994-95	Rs. 419.69 crores

Rourkela Steel Plant

Government has approved RSP modernisation (Phase-I) and (Phase-II). The aniticipated cost is Rs. 4168 crores. Phase-I modernisation was completed in March 4. The Phase-II work is likely to be completed by Ausgust 1996.

The major facilities envisaged under modernisation are as follows:

Phase-I

(i) Mechanised storage and blending of raw materials.

(ii) Conveyor feeding at Blast Furnace No. 4.

(iii) Introduction of combined blowing in converters.

(v) New oxygen Plant (Ist Unit).

Phase-II

(i) One new sinter plant..

(ii) Installation of a new LD shop.

(iii) Instalation of slab casters.

(iv) Installation of one additional roughing stand, 2 new reheating furnaces and quick work roll changing rigs in hot Strip mill.

(v) New oxygen Plant (2nd Unit).

The expenditure incurred in the last 3 years is as follows:

1992-93	Rs. 350.88 crores
1993-94	Rs. 457.07 crores
1994-95	Rs. 870.63 crores

(d) The compulative increase in production and sales value thereof (at current prices), as a result of the above modernisation schemes is as follows:

(Qty. in million toones)

Pig Iron		Saleable Steel	
Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
0.077 MT	Rs.50 crores	1.701 MT	Rs.2750 crores

Disaster Management Scheme in Orissa

*SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of AGRAICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any separate scheme under "Disaster Mangement" has been prepared is under consideration, by the Central Government for the State of Orissa which is affected by natural calamities in the shape of drought, cyclone and flood almost every year:

(b) the amount of grants-in-aid sanctioned/released to the State Government of Orissa to make up the damages caused by the cyclonic storms in the month of May 1995; and

(c) the details of the grants?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) The Government of India have advised the State Governments to prepare Contingency Plans for disaster management. It is for the Government of Orissa to prepare suitable plans for meeting the situation created by natural calamities such as drought, cyclone and flood.

(b) and (c) Government of India have released three quarterly instalments of the Central share of Calamity Relief Fund, two of them in advance, aggregating Rs. 26.0175 crores during 1995-96 to enable the State Government to undertake relief and restoration measures in the wake of

natural calamities including damage caused by storms in the month of May, 1995.

Evaluation of Early Childhood Education

*91. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to undertake an evaluation of early childhood education in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MNISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes. Sir. The evaluation of Early Childhood Education Scheme has been entrusted to the National institute of public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD). The broad objectives of this evaluation are to:

(i) Study the organisational and administrative set up of the ECE centres and assess their functional efficiency.

(ii) Assess the quality of services provided in the centres and identify factors/variables associated with it.

(iii) Assess the impact of ECE on school enrolment and adjustment of children; and

(iv) Identify areas of weakness in the scheme and suggest ways of improvement.

Appointment of Chairman, National Commission for women

*92. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minisiter of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for not appointing the Chairman and Members of the National Commission for Women and how long there have been vacancies which have not been filled; and

(b) when was the Report of the National Commission for Women last presented to the Parliament and when is the next report likely to be presented?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Does not arise. One Member was nominated on 26.10.1994 for a period of three years. The Member Secretary was nominated with effect from 29.5.1992. The Chairperson and the four other Members were nominated on 20.7.1995.

(b) The first annual report of the National Commission for Women is yet to be presented to parliament. It will be presented to Parliament alongwith the Action Taken Report shortly. The next Annual Report will be presented to Parliament on its receipt from National Commission for Women.

Sub-standard Admissions in Medical and Engineering colleges

*93. SHRI K.R. MALKANT:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that students with 4% and even 1% marks are being given admission in professional colleges;

(b) if so, whether Indian degrees will become worthless, if such-sub-standard admissions are made to medical and engineering colleges; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPENT (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Reports about some cases of this nature have come to the notice of the Government.

(b) and (c) The All India Council for Technical Education has prescribed